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அதற்கு அடுத்தபடியாக மதருஸில் 315 விண்ணப்பங்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன. அதனுல்தான் சென்னை நகரத்திற்கு கொஞ்சம் அதிகமாக ஸ்தானங்கள் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Pension Rules

* 485-E *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government have received any resolution from the Madras High Court Advocates' Association protesting against the recent Government Order, amending the Pension Rules of Government servants; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, whether this Government Order was passed at all amending the rules of pension and if so, the reasons for the same. May I also know the number of persons benefited?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A statement is to be made on this subject very soon.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

Note.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—POINT OF ORDER REGARDING DEMONSTRATION WITH IN THE HOUSE. 9-30 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon Members are aware that on the 17th August 1960, hon. Member, Sri S. Lazar, drew my attention to the fact that certain Members were wearing some symbols to demonstrate outwardly their sympathy or mourning in regard to something which happened elsewhere.

I have not been able to find a precedent in the annals of the House of Commons which is on all fours with the point raised by hon Member, Sri S. Lazar. In the House of Commons Members are strictly forbidden to bring in weapons like a sword. Decorations like medals or badges have to be removed before entering the Chamber except by those who are required to be in court dress. Sticks and umbrellas are not allowed unless the hon. Member concerned has a disability which makes their use reasonable and proper. They are allowed to bring books or papers in the Chamber, which they may require to consult or to refer to in the course of the debate; but with the exception of Ministers, whose despatch cases and official wallets are under a special dispensation, despatch cases should not be brought in. Attache cases also should not be brought in. Ladies, however, are permitted to bring their handbags, as it would be unreasonable to prohibit them from carrying handbags in the House as the handbags fulfilled the office of pockets in male garments. All these restrictions have been laid down so that

nothing unbecoming may happen in the Assembly. History has shown that sometimes these things have been used for acts of violence by one side against another.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Nothing happened in our Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER : Therefore I am going to say that we in this House need not be afraid of this matter because we are so friendly. Ours is the only Assembly that I have seen where the Government benches and the Opposition benches are so close, and frequently, consultations take place between one another. In all other assemblies considerable distance separates these benches.

Also things which are unbecoming are not allowed, such as smoking, eating chocolates and sweets, pealing and eating of oranges, etc. Things like eggs are also not permitted because at times these things are thrown at one another.

All these restrictions were imposed so that the dignity and decorum of the House are maintained. Nothing that would impair this dignity or which could cause injury to other Members is allowed.

I do not think that these little badges which hon. Members belonging to the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam wore could be considered harmful or are equivalent to weapons.. In fact, they were so small that I myself did not observe them till the hon. Member brought it to my notice.

However, I feel that the Legislature of a State is the moulder of its laws and the guardian of its rights and liberties. As, in this Chamber matters are decided after discussion, hon. Members should try to convince the other side by arguments and not by displaying badges and by demonstrations.

I would like to conclude with an earnest entreaty to hon. Members not to resort to any demonstration whatever feelings may be which would incidentally lower the prestige of the House. In according respect to established parliamentary practice, a Member is according respect to himself. I do not say that the wearing of a small badge is a violation of any rule of this House or of any convention in any Parliament. However, I hope Members will do their best to contribute to the dignity of this House and its proceedings.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) BILLS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Legislative Council has passed the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1960) without any recommendation and that the following Bills also have been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment.

(1) The Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1960).